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No electricity
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CAVA in limbo

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (MTY&KS)- With no permanent Dean since 2015 and with no continuous supply of electricity and water, the students of Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (old CAVA) at Siddarthanagar, have been protesting to get these basic facilities since three days now.

As part of their agitation, students this morning locked the vacant chambers of the Dean and the Administrator at the college.

The students, speaking to media, alleged that the supply of electricity and water was disrupted often because the CAVA Administrators never paid the electricity bills on time because of which Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) would disconnect power to the college. They also added that, because electricity is cut, water could not be pumped to the overhead tanks and so there was no water in the college.

The students also said that it was unfortunate that such a prestigious institution in the State does not have a permanent Dean since four years.

Apart from the basic requirements such as uninterrupted power supply, water and a permanent Dean, the students also demanded a workspace for Sculpture Department, permanent lecturers for Painting Department, licenced software and certified trainers for Applied Arts and Photography Departments among others.

(See CAVA on page 9)

OUT OF TUNE
Bollywood music copyright issues dampen New Year Eve parties at hotels

- Rs. 27,500 licence fee for private parties
- Rs. 1 lakh for hotels for New Year's Eve

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (BCT)- The end-of-year parties are just hours away and revellers are waiting to set the dance floors on fire. However, they may not get to groove to some of the biggest hit songs of 2019 tonight due to copyright claims over the songs.

Due to this issue, many hotels in city have cancelled their New Year Eve parties today as they fear that they will be liable to face copyright infringement cases if they play such songs or will be forced to shell out huge money as "licence fees" to the company that owns the copyright over these songs.

A Mumbai-based satellite channel distribution company called 'Novex Communications' which claims to be the assignee to *Zee Music* and the authorised agent of Yash Raj Music has served notices on several hotels in Bengaluru barring them from playing music from hit films or the songs that they own. Another company, Phonographic Performance Limited has also initiated legal action against hotels, pubs and restaurants for playing copyrighted music in their portfolio. According to Novex Communications, hotels, clubs and even wedding parties have to obtain the Novex licence to play copyrighted songs.

The company has even moved the Bombay High Court for injunction against hotels that have refused to comply and the Court has ordered in the company's favour.

(See TUNE on page 8)

Former General Manager
of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel
Anil Malik passes away

Anil Malik

Mysuru, Dec. 31- Anil Malik (68), former General Manager of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel in city and presently a resident of New Delhi, passed away last night at his daughter's residence in Bengaluru following a heart attack, according to sources.

Anil Malik served as the GM of Lalitha Mahal Hotel between 1991 and 1994 when he literally revived the loss-making hotel turning it into a profit-making one.

He leaves behind his wife Indu Malik, son Anshu Malik, daughter Sheetal and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers.

Last rites were performed at Peenya crematorium in Bengaluru today.

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Sculptures, scripts, society

Writings of the land's philosophers and scholars in Sanskrit and Prakrit dating back to ancient times scripted on palm leaf that are stored in the many archives such as the Mysuru-based Oriental Research Institute (ORI) provide an insight into the *ways* of the life of people far different from the ways of current generation. While the stock of palm leaf writings that has been saved to present times for the research teams to unravel the information and knowledge generated by the land's people in ancient times is considered to be a fraction of their creation, and the paintings on the interiors of many caves such as Ajanta and Ellora have faded, innumerable sculptures of centuries vintage are testimony to the refinement the land's people of a distant past brought to bear in their society. One of the highly rated works of the land's luminaries in various fields such as mathematics, healthcare, art, statecraft and so on, discovered more than 100 years ago by a scholar in the Mysuru Institute is the *Arthashastra* by Vishnu Gupta, also known as Koutilya of the Court of Chandragupta Mourya about 2,500 years ago.

The script of the four Vedas (Rigveda, Yajurveda, Saamaveda and Atharvaveda), according to scholars, was passed on from one generation to the next verbally for many centuries long before the text was written on palm leaf, due to which practice the Vedas were called *shruthi* (hearing). We are currently thick in the digital era witnessing the search engine *Google* to access information in the unfathomable ocean called the Internet instantly.

Thanks to the rapidly rising pace of life driven by advances in technology, material science and boundless use of energy resources including fossil fuels and electricity, people at large seem to be in no frame of mind to make time for learning from whatever the ancient scripts and sculptures portray about the society of a distant past. The not-much-appreciated expression *Simple Living, High Thinking,* life's guiding principle of past generations merits to be debated in the circles of scholars aimed at enlightening the present generation, particularly the urban millennials experiencing restlessness and feeling lost, barring exceptions.

Archaeologists are learnt to have embarked upon the project of unearthing unprotected artefacts in the nature of monuments and sculptures containing scripts including dialects, many of which have become defunct in Karnataka. The project's participants have their task cut out in inducing contemporary society to steady its rocking ship as it were.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There is hardly any city in the country which has a satisfactory water supply or sewage system. Civic authorities are generally insensitive to people's complaints and are not easily spurred into action. Even the Pollution Control Boards avoid their responsibility to enforce environment laws because local heavyweights are involved and the outcome of legal action is uncertain. But the Supreme Court has now ruled that the Municipal Councillor and Chief Officers of the Municipal Council could be criminally prosecuted. The ruling came in a 14-year-old legal battle between the Karnataka Pollution Control Board and seven Commissioners of Bengaluru and other Municipal Councils.

— M.J. Antony in Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

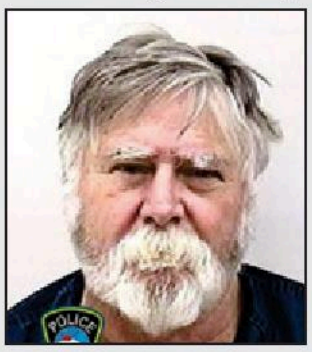
A device that turns on when someone breaks up

Tokyo: Japanese YouTuber Marina Fujiwara managed to put a smile on the faces of single people this holiday season with a smart light bulb that lights up whenever couples break up on social media.

The single YouTuber added that she came up with the idea for the breakup light bulb after discovering that when couples break up their shared accounts' icons and descriptions are usually changed to "parted". So she set up her invention to scan posts on Twitter based on the "parted/parting" hashtags and light up if it detects any couple breaking up.

Marina Fujiwara's simple device is not commercially available, but if other people's breakup make you feel better about your own single status, you can set up your own breakup light bulb very easily.

Robber held after throwing money



Colorado: An alleged bank robber in Colorado apparently wanted to spread some Christmas joy before he was arrested.

Witnesses said that they saw a man throw money from a bag onto a street in Colorado Springs while yelling "Merry Christmas."

The bizarre incident happened moments after a branch of Academy Bank near the intersection of East Pikes Peak Avenue and South Tejon Street was robbed around 12:30 p.m., police said in an incident report.

They described the robber – later identified as 65-year-old David Wayne Oliver – as an "older white male" who threatened to use a weapon and left the bank with an "undisclosed amount of cash."

Police found the suspect sitting in front of a coffee shop and arrested him. Bystanders collected the money and returned it to the bank, according to the Police.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What can I do to avoid catching a cold?

Soap and water are the best defense against viruses. Wash your hands frequently. Boost your immunity by eating nutritious whole-food meals, staying active and getting adequate sleep. Eat blueberries, tomatoes, sweet potatoes and spinach. Take a multi-vitamin. Clean your house. Don't touch your face.

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Prize winners of Sharada Talent Search

Mysuru, Dec.31- Sharada Vidya Mandir, Sri Jayachamarajendra PU College, Mysuru, had organised Sharada Talent Search for 10th standard (State, CBSE, ICSE) students recently in the College premises. A total of 350 students had participated in the Talent Search. The test included Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) on Science, Mathematics and Aptitude.

The prize winners are as follows: Mohnish Sukadhare (JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar) - 1st prize (Laptop), G. Dhyan (Sadvidya High School) - 2nd (Ipad), Tanmay Goudar (JSS Public School, Siddartha Layout) - 3rd (Tab), S. Vivek (DAV Public School) - Consolation-1 (Cash), L. Moditha (JSS Public School, Siddartha Layout) - Consolation-2 (Cash), M.C. Aryan Aiyappa (Christ Public School) - Consolation-2 (Cash) and Prajwal M. Gowda (Christ Public School) - Consolation-3 (Cash).

N. Sachidananda Murthy, Chairman, R. Anand, Secretary, S.T. Thimmaraju, Academic Director, B.N. Sunil Dayakar, Principal, C. Sagar Chakravarthy, Coordinator of STS, staff and students were present during the Valedictory and Prize Distribution Ceremony.

Really...?

- ***When Dr. Rajendra Prasad was appointed the President of India, he only took 50% of his salary, claiming he did not require more than that. Towards the end of his 12-year tenure he only took 25% of his salary. The salary of the President was Rs. 10,000 back then.***
- ***The 2011 Kumbh Mela was the largest gathering of people with over 75 million pilgrims. The gathering was so huge that the crowd was visible from space.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Run Mysuru-Chennai Shatabdi on all days of the week

Sir,

The train number 12007/12008 Shatabdi Express runs between Mysuru and Chennai Central via Bengaluru but operates for only 6 days a week except Tuesdays. It is given to understand that the train otherwise undergoes a weekly overhaul on Tuesdays at Chennai Central.

Further there is an urgent necessity now to run Shatabdi Express connecting Chennai Central from Mysuru via Bengaluru on all the days of the week. The present arrangement of 6 days a week and non-availability on Tuesdays is inconveniencing many passengers. As such there is no alternative arrangement to travel to Chennai Central from Mysuru, in lieu of non-operation of the train on Tuesdays.

It is suggested to extend the operation of Shatabdi Express on all the seven days of the week for the benefit of rail passengers commuting between Chennai Central-Mysuru and Bengaluru. The Railways can further plan to undertake weekly overhaul at Mysuru itself on Tuesdays and thus provide an opportunity to avail the Shatabdi Express service for an entire week from Mysuru.

Hence, South Western Railway authorities at Mysuru Division are requested to make necessary arrangements to operate 12007/12008 Chennai Central-Mysuru Shatabdi Express on all the days of the week instead of existing six days of operation.

—Varun Dambal

Bengaluru 28.12.2019

"Kabutar Daan Project" completes five years on Jan. 1

A group photo of the members of Helping Hands that initiated "Kabutar Daan Project."

Mysuru, Dec. 31- City-based Helping Hands Jain Youth Organisation will be celebrating completion of five years of its Messenger of Peace Project "Kabutar Daan Project" tomorrow. To mark the occasion, the members have organised a programme on Jan. 1, 2020 at 6.15 am at Kabutar Daan venue near North Gate of Mysore Palace wherein Pigeons will be fed.

It all started five years back when four members of Helping Hands — Rajan Baghmar, Anand Patwa, Mahaveer Dhoka and Goutham Patwa — during their early morning walk were inspired by the Hyderabad tourist who started this initiative.

They fed pigeons with maize, jowar, wheat, fried gram and other grains. Today there are nearly 28 members who gather in front of Kote Anjenayaswamy Temple at 5.45 am, clean the place and then feed the pigeons with food grains.

It started off with about 50 kgs of food grains and now gradually increased to 300 kgs every day. Pragathi Prathisthan has honoured Helping Hands with "Pride of Mysore Award" for this project.

Members of general public also celebrate birthday, anniversary and other occasions by feeding pigeons with food grains.

Helping Hands is also feeding pigeons at Sri Stanakvasi Jain Stanak Bhavan in Halladkeri where pigeons are fed twice a week. Those who want to celebrate any occasion with the Messengers of Peace may contact Mahaveer Khabiya on Mob: 98453-62789 or Rajan Baghmar on Mob:98451-13334.

ISKCON Gita Quiz winners

Mysuru, Dec. 31- The following participants have won a special prize in the ISKCON Gita Quiz - 2019 appeared in *Star of Mysore* recently. The prize distribution ceremony will be held on Jan. 5 (Sunday) at 7 pm at ISKCON temple premises.

Shilpa Sharma (N.R. Mohalla), N. Latha (Gokulam), Mane Vidula Vijay (Jayanagar), Raja Gopal Das (Mysuru), L. Vijayalakshmi (Kuvempunagar), N. Prathna (Mysuru), G.A. Lakshmi (T.K. Layout), Sahana Sundar (R.K. Nagar), Vital R. Shanbhag (Mysuru), Shamantha (Mysuru), M.N. Devika (Mysuru), Anitha Shekar (Mysuru), C. Meena (Mysuru), Shraddha (Mysuru), O. Megha (Mysuru), C.M. Kavitha (R.K. Nagar), Sadananda Murthy (Mysuru), K. Sriramana (Vijayanagar), M.V. Meera (Jayanagar), Madhupriya (K.R. Puram) and P.R. Saroja Rao (Jayanagar).

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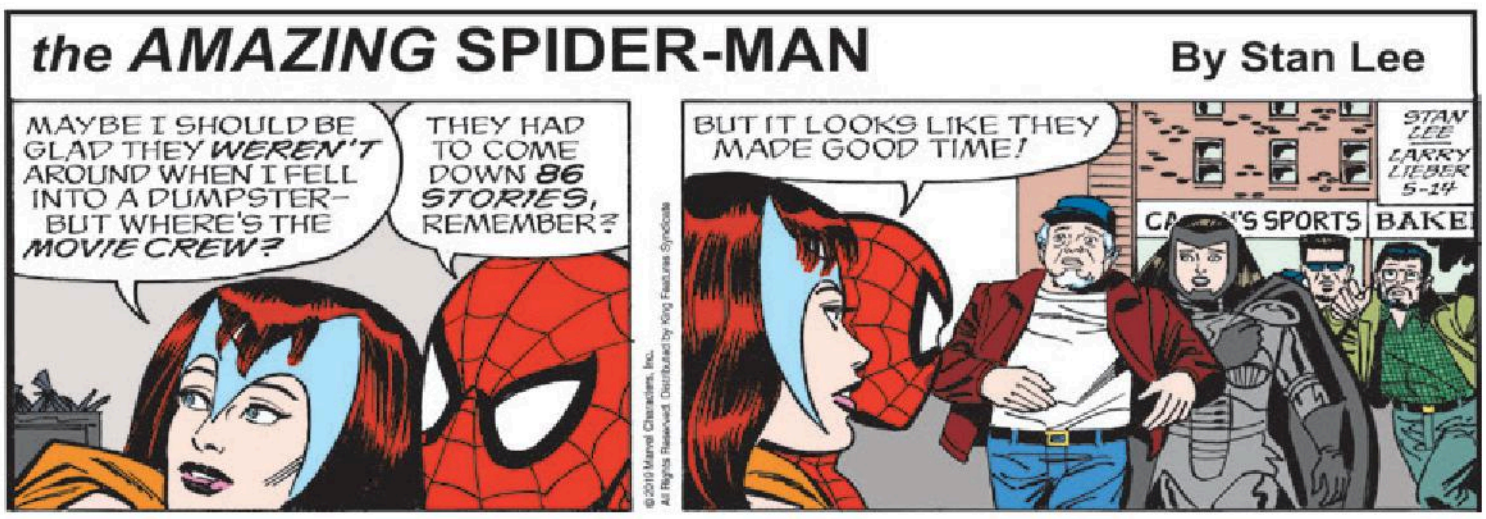
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NEWS BRIEFS

'Yuvajanotsava' tomorrow

Following the demise of Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji on Sunday, the District-level 'Yuvajanotsava' 2019-20, organised jointly by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) and Maharani's Arts College for Women, which was scheduled to be held at Maharani's Arts College for Women today (Dec.31) at 10 am, has been postponed to Jan.1, 2020, according to a press release from the DYES Asst. Director.

Meeting to condole Pejawar Seer

Sri Mahajana Sabha has convened a meeting to condole the death of Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji at Srirama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram at 5 pm tomorrow (Jan.1, 2020). For details, contact Ph: 0821-2330400 or Mob: 96113-69901 or 94483-82971, according to a release.

Young Scientist Award

Pramod Halappa, a native of Bilikere in Hunsur taluk in Mysuru district, has bagged the Young Scientist Award given by International Union of Crystallography (IUCr). The award was presented at the 16th Conference of the Asian Crystallographic Association held at Singapore recently. He is currently doing research on Solid State and Structural Chemistry at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Chemistry to Zabiulla for his thesis 'Selective chemotherapeutic synthesis and characterisation of nitrogen and sulphur containing heterocycles' submitted under the guidance Dr. Shaukath Ara Khanum.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.64 ft
Yesterday	121.61 ft
Inflow	1,843 cusecs
Outflow	1,208 cusecs

Kabini Level

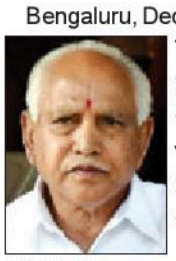
(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.85 ft
Inflow	372 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Five-day State Legislature Session from Feb.17

- BSY to present 2020-21 Budget on Mar.5
- Cabinet expansion likely after *Sankranti*

Bengaluru, Dec.31 (KMS&DM)- The B.S. Yediyurappa-led BJP Government will present the 2020-21 budget on Mar.5, 2020.



B.S.Yediyurappa

Announcing this to press persons after the State Cabinet meeting here on Monday, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that the Joint Session of the State Legislature will take place from Feb.17 to 21.

Earlier, the Cabinet had decided to hold the Session for 10 days starting from Jan.20, 2020. It has been postponed in view of the Chief Minister's likely visit to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting at Davos, Switzerland, to be held from Jan.21 to 24.

The Budget Session will start on Mar.2 and CM B.S. Yediyurappa will present the 2020-21 Budget on Mar.5, he said.

Continuing, Madhuswamy said that the Cabinet also decided to do away with personal interviews while selecting candidates for some Group A and B posts through the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC).

Currently, selection for Group C and D posts are based on a written test. For some Group A and B posts, it has been decided not to conduct interviews and select candidates only on the basis of written tests, he said.

The other decisions taken by the Cabinet included bringing

amendment to Section 25 of Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Act to allow women to work in night shifts, enhancing the annual income limit of beneficiaries of Multi-Storey Housing Scheme in Bengaluru from Rs.87,500 to Rs.3 lakh, reservation of 25 percent of seats at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) for Karnataka students and holding of Global Investors' Meet at Bengaluru from Nov.3 to 5, 2020, among others.

In another decision, the Cabinet will change the rule that mandated a Minister to become the head of Kalyana Karnataka Board. Under the changed provision, even an MLA or MLC can be appointed as the head of the Board.

The Cabinet deferred its decision on Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) land lease. However, it decided to pursue action to recover Rs.37 crore pending as lease rent from BTC, while keeping the decision on extending the lease pending.

Minister Madhuswamy said that the lease of BTC lapsed on Dec.31, 2009 and a subsequent Court ruling has ordered to maintain *status quo*. The Government was keen on first recovering the dues of Rs.37 crore, he added.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the much awaited Cabinet expansion is likely to take place just after *Sankranti*, which falls on Jan.15.

Mysore Race Club lease extended by 30 years

Bengaluru, Dec.31 (KMS&DM)- Even as the uncertainty over extension of lease of land to conduct races by Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) continued, the State Government on Monday decided to extend the lease of Mysore Race Club (MRC) by 30 years.

Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy briefing the press after the Cabinet Meeting here yesterday, said that the MRC lease has been extended from

Aug.1, 2016 till July 31, 2046 and the lease fee will be levied at the rate of 2 percent of the Gross Annual Income.

Pointing out that the Government preferred lease fee over annual rent for MRC as it considered lease fee more profitable, he reiterated that the MRC will now has to pay lease fee at the rate of 2 percent of its Gross Annual Income to the Government.

He further said that the income to the Government from the MRC has been increasing steadily over the years after the lease.

MCC team conducts study at Nagpur on waste management and disposal

Mysuru, Dec.31 (RK&DM)- Following directions from District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna, a team of officials led by Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, is in Nagpur to study in detail the modern and scientific methods of waste management and disposal there.

The other members of the team are MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Health Officers Dr. M.S. Jayanth and Dr. Nagaraj, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, Corporator Shobha, who heads the MCC Finance Standing Committee.

The team visited Nagpur Municipal Corporation and studied bio-mining technique and the landfill there. The team learnt about segregation of waste, management and disposal of waste, production of bio-fertilisers and all other issues concerning waste treatment using the most

The Mysuru City Corporation team at the bio-mining unit of Nagpur City Corporation, Maharashtra.

scientific methods.

While Mysuru generates 400 to 450 tonnes of waste daily, Nagpur City generates 1,200 to 1,400 tonnes everyday. The Nagpur model is being followed in many other cities, which generate huge quantity of wastes everyday.

Speaking to *SOM* from Nagpur, MCC Health Officer Dr. M.S. Jayanth said that the Nagpur model will be implemented in Mysuru too. Highlighting the salient features of the model, he said that its implementation in Mysuru will be a major step in the scientific disposal of waste, with over two lakh tonnes of waste having piled up at the Solid Waste Management Unit at Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram in Mysuru.

The technology process for manufacture of bio-fertilisers from waste is being studied, he said and added that measures will be taken to clear all piled up waste in about 18 months.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath said that the team has visited Nagpur following directions from District Minister V. Somanna.

Pointing out that Nagpur City Corporation has been successful in converting solid waste to bio-fertilisers, he said that this technology will be implemented in Mysuru too after apprising the District Minister.

Dr. Vishnuvardhan's 10th death anniversary

Puja offered at Memorial site

Mysuru, Dec.31 (PM&US)- Marking the 10th death anniversary of actor Vishnuvardhan, a solemn programme was organised by Vishnu fans at the proposed site for Vishnu Memorial near Halalu on Mysuru-H.D. Kote Road yesterday.

The late actor's wife Bharathi Vishnuvardhan offered *puja* to a portrait of Vishnu. She also launched a blood donation camp and a health check-up camp.

Speaking on the occasion, Bharathi observed that Vishnu's fans were still very fond of the late actor. She contended that Vishnu Memorial would be constructed soon as all the bottlenecks have been cleared.

She added that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had assured of all assistance for the construction of the Memorial.

Senior actor Hema Chaudhary, recalling her screen-sharing association with Vishnu, bemoaned that 10 years was too long a period to get a Memorial constructed in memory of the actor.

Vishnu's daughter Keerthi, son-in-law Anirudh and Vishnu's fans also offered *puja* to the portrait of the actor.

Bharathi visits hotel room

Bharathi later visited Room No.335 at Kings Kourt Hotel on JLB Road here and went tearfully nostalgic recalling the day when Vishnu breathed his last in that room.

Vishnu and his family members used to stay in Room No.334 and 335 at the said hotel during their visit to Mysuru.

Bharathi suggested the Hotel Management to hang a portrait of Vishnu in the room which was accepted.

Recalling that day, the emotional Bharathi said: "I feel Vishnu has brought me back to this room now. That day Vishnu who was sleeping suddenly got up and expressed severe discomfort and I telephoned the doctor immediately. I gave him *Theertha* (holy water) also. It seemed he was ready to leave all of us rather selfishly. However, he is still immortal in the hearts of the fans."

Drive against motorists ignoring traffic violation notices continue

1,109 cases traced, Rs. 1.73 lakh fine collected

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (KS)- The Mysuru City Traffic Police, who conducted a special drive at V.V. Puram Traffic Police limits against motorists who had ignored traffic violation notices issued to them by post, have traced 1,109 cases and have collected a total of Rs. 1.73 lakh from them. The drive was conducted on Dec. 30 from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Also, the Traffic Police conducted a special drive against helmetless riders, motorists using mobile phones while riding and driving, triple riding, transporting people more than the prescribed limit, jumping signals, parking vehicles in a haphazard manner hindering the smooth flow of traffic, other traffic violations and collected fines from them.

City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna has asked those who have received traffic violation notices by post to voluntarily pay the fines to avoid any inconvenience to them.

Two-wheeler lifter arrested

Four vehicles worth Rs. 1.5 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Dec.31 (KS)- Lashkar Police have arrested a man on charges of lifting two-wheelers in city and have recovered four vehicles worth Rs.1.5 lakh from him. The arrested is 32-year-old V. Vinod Kumar of Lidkar Colony in city.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed of stealing bikes and scooters which were not locked, in Lashkar Police limits and based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered one Honda Activa scooter, one Yamaha Gladiator bike, one Bajaj Discover bike and one Bajaj Pulsar bike from him. Following the arrest, Lashkar Police have solved four two-wheeler lifting cases in their jurisdiction.

DCP B.T. Kavitha and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP M.N. Shashidhar supervised Lashkar Inspector N. Muniyappa, Sub-Inspector Pooja and staff Parashivamurthy, Lokesh, Bopaiah, Pratheepa and Manju in the nabbing and recovery operation.

District Minister in city on Jan. 3

Somanna

Mysuru, Dec.31 (US)- District Minister V. Somanna will arrive in city on Jan. 3 at 10.30 am. He will chair the progress review meeting at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) at 11 am.

He will participate in the discussions on the findings of the DC led team to Nagpur on waste treatment and hold a meeting on proposed upgradation of a few Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Chamundehswari constituency.

He will stay at Jaladarshini Guest House and leave for Bengaluru on Jan. 5 at 9.30 am.

Obituary

Abdul Rashid

Mysuru, Dec.31-Abdul Rashid (85), a resident of Mandi Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, five daughters, two sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed last evening after Isha prayers at Eidgah Masjid on Mission Hospital Road, followed by burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Cabinet nod for Bill on 25 percent domicile quota in Law Varsity

Bengaluru, Dec.31- Karnataka Cabinet yesterday approved an amendment to a Bill seeking reservation for local students in the National Law School of India University (NLSIU).

The Bill proposes 25 percent reservation for students, who have studied in Karnataka for at least 10 years, in admissions to NLSIU.

The original amendment to the National Law School of India Act, 1986, which was sent for the Governor's assent in June 2017, had sought 50 percent reservation.

The Bill, which faced stiff opposition from the premier Law Institute, was returned by Governor Vajubhai R. Vala's office on technical grounds.

Two years later, the Amendment Bill was approved by the Cabinet.

The Government had been holding talks with NLSIU to reserve seats for domicile students ever since the Bill was first proposed and passed in both Houses of the State Legislature.

31st December 2019

To
Mr. Kiran PR
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In other words, who is lying?

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

The President of India in June 2019, six months ago: "My Government has decided to implement the process of NRC (National Register of Citizens)." The Prime Minister of India in December 2019, just a few days ago: "My Government has never discussed the word NRC." So whose Government is running the country? In other words, who is lying?

For the general elections early this year, BJP's manifesto said: "We are committed to the enactment of the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB). We will expeditiously complete the National Register of Citizens process on priority and will implement the NRC in other parts of the country." Home Minister Amit Shah repeated these points at various election rallies. The Prime Minister declared that there was "no discussion on NRC after I became Prime Minister." So, do the manifesto and the Home Minister repudiate the Prime Minister? In other words, who is lying?

In his angry speech last week, the **Prime Minister said that stories about detention centres in several parts of the country were *jhoot hai, jhoot hai, jhoot hai (lies, lies and lies).*** In September, three months before this condemnation of *jhoot,* **a detention centre with a capacity to house 3,000 inmates was nearing completion in Matia in Western Assam at a cost of Rs. 146 crore.** This was the first of ten centres planned. **A few days before his speech, Karnataka opened its first detention centre "for illegal immigrants" 40 km outside Bengaluru. So whose words are *jhoot hai, jhoot hai, jhoot hai?***

When December witnessed, across India, protests of a kind never seen since independence, the spontaneity of it surprised everyone. It was a people's movement, spearheaded by no one in particular. For two weeks, even Modi was too stunned to speak. **Then came his proclamation that anyone could make out who was behind it from the clothes they wore** — an obvious reference to Muslims. **But is it true that clothes maketh the man? From the clothes Modiji wears, no one will make out that he is the leader of a poor country.** For, he is the most expensively dressed leader in the world today. He wears bespoke costumes customised by an exclusive tailor (Bipin Chauhan of Ahmedabad), Bvlgari spectacles, Movado watches and Montblanc pens. He once appeared in a pinstripe suit with 'Narendra Damodardass Modi' imprinted as stripes all over it. When rumours spread about its cost (Rs. 2 crore by some accounts), he discarded it swiftly. So who promotes one set of values and lives by another? In other words, who is the master of doublespeak?

The notable feature of the nationwide protest was the absence of a central leadership. Students and young women seemed to be their own leaders. Yet, **according to the Prime Minister, "Urban Naxals and the Congress were behind" the protests.** The Congress, lodged in ICU, must have felt flattered. **The Urban Naxal is something else. It is part of the ironies of our time that a phrase that was intended to denote the political underground became, instead, one that meant citizens who stood up to fight the wickedness of those in power.** Bengaluru will remember for long the sight of an ailing Girish Karnad sitting at a public meeting wearing a placard with the words "Me too, Urban Naxal." So who is the patriot and who the oppressor? Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap gave an opinion when he described the Prime Minister as "Urban Nazi."

Given the atmosphere of fear in the country (to which industry leaders drew attention recently), it is heartwarming that critics continue to flourish. May be the population of India is too large to be easily controlled. Southern film star Rima Kallingal trawls BJP leaders and says: "Let us stop making fools famous." **Many prominent stars, the moment they utter a critical word, begin getting visits from the Income Tax and Enforcement authorities.** In Yogi Adityanath's UP, Muslims who oppose the (amended) Citizenship Act, are picked up and killed. Activist Rana Ayyub released a list of 14 young men who were thus eliminated. **Other reports describe how Muslim families flee as Police vandalise their homes and harass their women. All the 23 deaths in the course of the protests have been in BJP-ruled States.**

This New India is getting international attention as well. The outside world sees the citizenship laws as essentially anti-Muslim. India's stock in countries from Japan to Europe and the US has gone significantly down if foreign reports are any indication. So much for Howdy Modi. Obvious lesson will obviously be ignored: You cannot fool all the people all the time.

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PLEASE NOTE: KID STUFF IS SENT IN TWO PARTS. A IS TOP, B IS BOTTOM.

Kid Stuff

With Diggity Dog

BRAIN GAMES

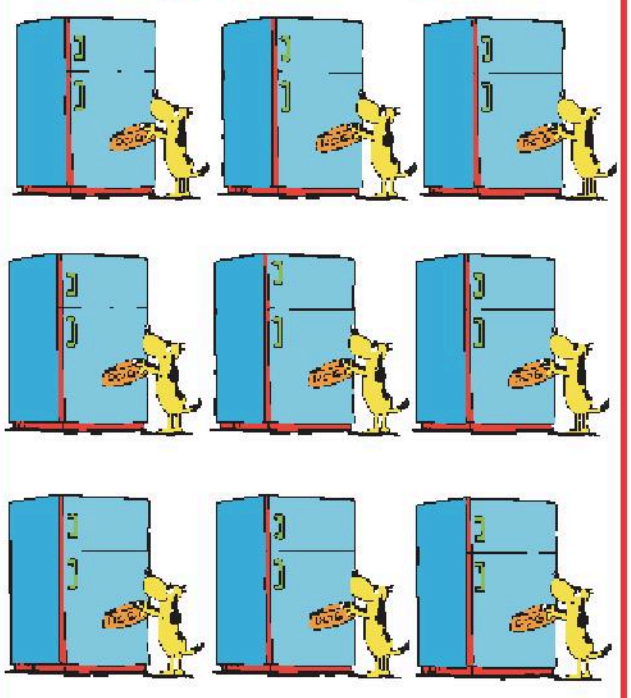
Who invented algebra: was it the Egyptians, English, Greeks or Arabs?

What's wrong here?

Can you find the six things that are wrong in the cartoon at right?

SPOT THE DIFF

Of all the cartoon drawings in the square below, one is slightly different. Can you spot it?



New Year revelry no problem but follow rules, say Police

- Chamundi Hill out of bounds
- Section 144 at Muthathi
- Swimming, partying banned at Balamuri, Yedamuri

A tourist vehicle being checked near Balamuri waterfall this morning. Bags inside the vehicles are checked for liquor and other banned substance. All vehicles, including two-wheelers, are being checked and commuters questioned about the purpose of entry. [Pics by Vinay Karekura]

Mysuru/Mandya, Dec. 31 (OSR)- With just a few hours to go to ring in the New Year, the Mysuru and Mandya Police are on their toes to make sure New Year's Eve celebrations are safe for women and children, accident-free and incident-free.

Hordes of tourists and New Year revellers have descended upon Mysuru to welcome 2020 and hotels, resorts, clubs and recreational centres are leaving no stone unturned to ensure that their party is counted the best among the lot. Many are trying to outdo the other with unique entertainment programmes.

Apart from issuing a series of guidelines issued to hotels and clubs, the Police have warned revellers not to cross their limits while partying hard and cause a nuisance either inside the party venue or in the neighbourhood. All parties should wind up by 1 am.

Entry restricted to Chamundi Hill

The picturesque Chamundi Hill will be out of bounds for New Year revellers. To prevent illegal activities and ensure the safety of people, the Police will close the roads leading to Chamundi Hill from today evening to Wednesday morning. However, there will be exemption for vehicles owned by villagers up the Hill.

In a communication from the Office of the Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, the road to Chamundi Hill from Uttanahalli Gate, Daivavana Gate, Lalitha Mahal Gate and the gate at Chamundi foothill will be closed from 7 pm on Dec. 31 to 6 am on Jan. 1. The main entry to Chamundi Hill from Tavarekatte Gate will be closed for all private vehicles except residents of Chamundi Hill from 9 pm on Dec. 31 to 6 am on Jan. 1.

Section 144 in Muthathi

To prevent loss of lives due to drowning in River Cauvery at Balamuri, Yedamuri and Bam Bam Ashram, Tahsildar M.V. Roopa has clamped ban orders under Section 144 of IPC (where assembling of more than 4 persons at a particular place is banned) for 24 hours at these spots from 6 am today to 6 am on Jan. 1, 2020. Balamuri and Yedamuri are popular picnic spots in Srirangapatna taluk attracting a large number of people, especially youths, for New Year revelry.

To prevent from venturing into water and forest at Muthathi in Halagur Hobli, Malavalli taluk, prohibitory orders have been issued according to Section 144 of IPC. Tahsildar of Malavalli K. Chandramouli has issued the prohibitory orders that will be in force from today 6 am to Jan. 1, 6 am and from Jan. 1, 6 pm to Jan. 2, 6 am.

Every year, many people come from Bengaluru and other areas to Balamuri, Yedamuri, banks of Cauvery, Shimsha and Hemavati to welcome the New Year. Following restrictions, Muthathi near Malavalli, Gaganachukki waterfalls near Malavalli; bathing ghats of Cauvery, Shimsha and Hemavati rivers in Srirangapatna, Malavalli, Maddur and K.R. Pet taluks of Mandya district will be out of bounds for revellers.

Barricades on roads

In addition, barricades will be erected on all Highways to prevent rash and reckless driving/riding and driving under the influence of alcohol. Special teams have been formed to prevent the entry of revellers from Bengaluru to picnic spots and forest areas to prevent any untoward incidents. Vehicles are being checked for liquor and drugs at various check posts and at entry points to these places.

Police will be deployed to prevent swimming at Thonnur Kere, Gosai Ghat, Ganjam and bathing ghats near Nimishamba Temple. Police will keep a strict watch on the people, especially unruly elements on the roads as the clock strikes 12 to see that the revellers do not cross the limits of decency in wishing people a Happy New Year. Also they will keep a close watch on drunken driving and those found exceeding the limits of alcohol consumption will be fined heavily.

More CCTV cameras, strict vigil

In addition to the existing 59 CCTV cameras, the Police have installed 250 others at key locations across the city. The Police will keep a close watch from the Command Centre at the Police Commissioner's Office through these cameras. Police also issued a warning against obscenity in the name of organising cultural programmes, besides gambling and consumption of narcotics.

The 1 am deadline will be applicable to all New Year programmes organised in hotels, clubs, restaurants, resorts, home stays, service apartments, apartment associations, malls and gatherings in other spaces. Restaurants and other outlets serving liquor should mandatorily obtain written permission from the Excise and Police Departments if they plan to serve liquor beyond the deadline fixed by the Government.

The Police have constituted a total of 18 special squads to act against people indulging in mischief. The special squads include three special teams comprising women officials and personnel for safety of women. Also, four pink Garuda patrol vehicles will be deployed on New Year's Eve to ensure safety and protection of women.

The picturesque Balamuri waterfalls near Srirangapatna. Entry to this picnic spot is restricted due to the imposition of Section 144.

Ambulance service ready for support on New Year's Eve

- Call 108 in case of emergencies
- 32 ambulances deployed in Mysuru, 3 in Chamarajanagar, 21 in Mandya

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (RKB&SD)-GVK EMRI (Emergency Management and Research Institute) is all set to provide support to causalities with its Arogya Kavacha '108' ambulance service on the New Year's Eve as the number of accident cases are likely to scale up to 30-35 percent on an average compared to other days of the year.

The Institute has strengthened and readied its fleet in the district, especially in city limits where New Year celebrations are likely to peak between 11.45 pm of Dec. 31 and wee hours of Jan. 1. The Institute is also closely coordinating with the Police Department to ensure that around 32 (108) ambulances and 2 emergency two-wheelers reach the spot at the earliest.

These ambulances have been deployed near Police Stations, Government Hospitals and Fire Stations to get information on accidents through the Police wireless network. Adequate availability of manpower and advance fuelling and refilling of medical and oxygen supplies have been taken up in all ambulances. Information on accident casualties will be immediately shared with the Police, Fire Brigade as well as Health Departments. The mobile phone numbers of ambulances and support staff have been shared with the Police patrol vehicles and the Police Control Room.

In case of any casualties to be shifted to hospital, one can call free emergency telephone number 108, according to a press release from GVK EMRI Mysuru Division Manager Narayan, who also stated that Pramod will be in charge of 108 service in city.

MIA holds interaction with 28-member foreign delegation on SME Financing

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (RK&US)-Mysore Industries Association (MIA) had organised an interaction with 28 executives, representing Ministries, Promotional Organisations, Government Departments and Banks of 20 countries, at the premises of MIA on KRS Road here this morning.

The executives from Mauritius, Tajikistan, Uganda, South Africa, South Sudan, Laos, Maldives, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Liberia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan, Botswana, Zambia, Mali, Kenya, Palestine and Ethiopia are on a 6-week international training programme on 'SME (Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Financing - Approaches and Strategies' sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, under ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) from Dec.2, 2019 to Jan.10, 2020. Now, they are on a study visit to Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Dr. E. Vijaya, Faculty Member, National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Hyderabad, briefed the foreign delegates through a power point presentation. She focussed on SME loan facilities, product promotion, credit facility, marketing, Credit Guarantee Trust Fund for SMEs and entrepreneurship financing.

MIA President and former MLA Vasu, former MIA President P. Vishwanath, Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre Assistant Director Saraswathi, MIA Gen. Secretary O.D. Satyendra, Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, Treasurer Manjunath, SBI Learning and Development Centre Chief Managers Seetharaghava and Pradeep Kumar, SME Branch Manager Girishankar, SBI Mettagalli Branch Manager Subbalakshmi and others were present during the interaction at the MIA premises.

Later, the foreign delegates visited a couple of industries in city. The 28-member foreign delegation consisted of Boojhawon Vishal (Mauritius), Tavaralizoda Khusravi (Tajikistan), Shohin Boboshohzoda (Tajikistan), Bamuturaki Collins (Uganda), Kwikyiriza Ruth (Uganda), Khutjo Bambo (South Africa), Bakiri Cecilia Anthony (South Sudan), Marial Moses Mathieng Amok (South Sudan), Jackie Abuk Woi (South Sudan), Siliphone Lounthone (Laos), Kongkeo Inthavong (Laos), Najva Riyaz (Maldives), Amr M.O. Sawalmeh (Palestine), Kpininwa Young (Nigeria), Disna Sanathani Gamage (Sri Lanka), AJSP Rajith Kumara (Sri Lanka), Idiriweera Patabandige Don Dilan Dhanushka Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka), IPW Gayan Sampath Ieyriyagama (Sri Lanka), Obest Saryee (Liberia), Shamsuddin Nazari (Afghanistan), San Yu Maw (Myanmar), Mohammad Maruf Hassan (Bangladesh), Dr. Umidjon Kuziyev (Uzbekistan), Gofiwa Matlhogonolo Mogale (Botswana), Milimo Mundia (Zambia), Keita Aissata (Mali), Festus Ochieng Festus Ochieng (Kenya) and Idris Nasir Tahir (Ethiopia).

OUT OF TUNE

Bollywood music copyright issues dampen New Year Eve parties at hotels

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Hotels, clubs and lounges can take a licence from Novex per event or for a year. Every place playing music for commercial purposes needs to take the licence. Not only Bollywood hits, even playing ghazals that belong to audio companies is not allowed, say company sources. Hotels are only allowed to play mellow music by a live band.

Parties cancelled

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, a General Manager of a reputed hotel, who wanted to be anonymous, said that they were forced to cancel today's New Year Eve party at their hotel because of this issue over music. "Event management is an expensive affair and restrictions over music, liquor licence fee and the extra money demanded by the officials, DJ and live music charges have taken the sheen off the celebrations," he said.

"These people who claim to be the copyright owners barge into party venues demanding money. They came to our hotel a few days back where a live music party was being hosted and they demanded Rs.1 lakh as the music licence fees. If they had issued a prior notice, we could have made alternative arrangements. But barging into a party venue and demanding money on-the-spot is uncalled for and this is harassment. They even threatened to sue us if Hindi songs are played," he said.

No outside crowd

Many hotels are only organising New Year Eve parties for their in-house guests without inviting crowd from outside. "Paying all the fees and staging parties is a daunting task and if we do, we will end up overcharging our patrons. So we thought of cancelling the party," said an Operations Manager of another star hotel in Mysuru.

Mahesh Ballal, who owns 'Rock Salad' Event Management Company and who has been in this business since the last 25 years, told *SOM* that the music copyright issue has hit the entertainment and hotel industry hard. "We cannot play movie songs and we are liable for legal action if we play. Forget New Year Eve parties, even birthday parties cannot play such songs," he said.

Licence fee expensive than the party costs

This is the reason why many hotels are cancelling the parties and for people to prefer small private parties at their farmhouses. "Marriages cannot play such music. And many times, the copyright licence fee is more expensive than the money spent to organise the party. According to the copyright owning companies, loud and big mikes cannot be used to play Bollywood hits but playing the same music in a small speaker is allowed. This defies logic and is ridiculous," Ballal said.

Many technology companies have music concerts on their campuses as stress-busters for their employees. "If a concert has to be organised, the event management company has to pay the copyright fees on behalf of the IT company first and then organise the event," he said.

Hotels have to pay Rs. 1 lakh plus taxes

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (BCT)-Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Regional Manager of Novex Communications R. Sridhar said that many hotels (even in Mysuru) have been organising musical parties without obtaining licence from Novex. Cases have been filed against them at Police Stations for copyright infringement.

"Licence fee for a New Year Eve party will be Rs.1 lakh plus taxes. This is the charge per event, per day and per venue. This fee is applicable for all hotels and clubs playing the songs for which we own the copyright. We don't charge on hourly basis or per-song basis," he said.

For private parties like birthday parties and marriages organised on a commercial venue like hotels and clubs, the organisers have to pay Rs.27,500 plus taxes. "Though it is a private gathering, the event is being organised at a commercial place and they must obtain Novex licence to play music," he said.

Clarifying further, he said that any private event that plays copyrighted music will have to obtain licence and if they violate, they are liable for legal action.

Addanda C. Cariappa takes charge as Rangayana Director

Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa (left) and Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy are seen greeting the newly appointed Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa (extreme right) at the repertory's premises this morning as Cariappa's wife Anita Cariappa and others look on.

Former Rangayana Directors

B.V. Karanth (1989), Y.K. Muddukrishna (1995-Incharge), C. Basavalingaiah (1996), Prasanna (2001), K.T. Chikkanna (2003-Incharge), Chidambara Rao Jambe (2004), K.T. Chikkanna (2008-Incharge), Dr. B. Jayashree (2009), K.T. Chikkanna (2009-Incharge), Lingadevaru Halemane (2010), B.T. Munirajaiah (2011-Incharge), Dr. B.V. Rajaram (2011), K.R. Ramakrishna (2013-Incharge), H. Janardhan (2013), K.A. Dayanand (2016-Incharge), M.S. Archana (2017-Incharge), Bhagirathi Bai Kadam (2017).

Mysuru, Dec.31(PM&DM)- Senior theatre personality Addanda C. Cariappa took charge as the 18th Director of Rangayana, Mysuru, after offering floral tributes to the portrait of theatre repertory's Founder-Director B.V. Karanth in the Director's Office at Rangayana here this morning.

Speaking to presspersons, Cariappa said that it was the blessings of his parents and his over 30 years of dedicated service to the theatre that had brought him to the post. Noting that he was delighted to become the Director, he said he would give his best to take the theatre repertory to much greater heights.

Maintaining that he had only aspired for the post, but had not expected it, he said that he was satisfied with his work of promoting theatre in Kodagu, which was not an easy task.

Admitting that the National Theatre Festival *Bahuroopi* is a challenge, Cariappa said that *Bahuroopi* should have been organised during *Sankranti,* but this year it has been deferred due to the delay in the appointment of the Director. Although the festival may be delayed, it will be ensured that the event will be organised as a prime theatre festival of the country, he remarked and added that he will be holding a meeting with senior Rangayana artistes later this afternoon to discuss the ways to take *Bahuroopi* to every nook and corner of the country.

Replying to a question on the removal of Rangayana Directors even before completion of their term, he said that the heads of all cultural Institutions like Rangayana should be allowed to complete their terms, as they will have chalked out programmes for 3 years. The removal of heads of cultural Institutions with change in Government will hurt the plans envisaged by them, he said while asserting that the Directors of any Cultural Authority, including Rangayana should not be disturbed till the completion of their term. Even Baragur Ramachandrappa Committee too had recommended the same to the Government, he said .

Replying to another question on whether his political affiliations with the BJP had helped him in occupying the top post, Cariappa said that as an individual he has been in politics, engaging himself in social work. "I have contributed a lot for promoting theatre in Kodagu along with my wife Anitha, also a theatre artiste and the Government recognising my work for theatre has appointed me to the post out of trust," he said.

Replying to another question on whether there will be more Kodava plays in Rangayana, he said that 'Rangabhoomi' is in itself a language and as such there is no particular language for theatre. Asserting that many Kodava plays have been staged at Rangayana in the past, he stressed that languages such as Kodava, Tulu and Konkani are brotherly languages of Kannada and as such any harm to these languages will certainly hurt Kannada.

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunswamy, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa and others were present on the occasion.

Thereafter, Cariappa addressed Kodava Samaja members and Rangayana artistes at Bhoomigeetha, where a one-minute silence was observed as a mark of tribute to the departed Pejawar Mutt Seer.

Recalling the history of Rangayana since its inception in 1989, he said in a lighter vein how he married Anitha, who was a Rangayana artiste then.

Pointing out that Kodagu's most acclaimed poet Appacha Kavi was inspired by Mohammad Peer, a professional theatre artiste from Mysuru in those times, Cariappa recounted his association with the theatre for over three decades.

Declaring that he will not be carried away by the top post, he assured that he would work honestly for bringing more name and fame for the city's theatre repertory. Likening the work in Rangayana as that of a farmer, he said that a perfect co-ordination between all those involved was needed for bringing out the best of Rangayana.

Mysuru Kodava Samaja President K.K. Belliappa, Secretary M.M. Ponnappa, former Presidents Dr. A.A. Kuttappa and K.A. Cariappa, Corporator M.U. Subbaiah, actor Jadhav, noted theatre personality Nanda Halemane, senior Rangayana artiste Hulugappa Kattimani and others were present on the occasion.

No electricity, No Water, No Dean: CAVA in limbo

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Meanwhile, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) B.R. Poornima, who is also the In-charge Dean of CAVA, arrived at the spot and tried to pacify the students to call off their stir. But the protesting students did not budge and stuck to their demands and poured out their problems before the ADC.

The students told the ADC that there was no supply of power to the college, no National workshop has been held since four years, there is no security to the college as there is no compound etc.

They said they were neither protesting nor shouting slogans against anyone but were just telling their problems as their career depended on the academic activities at the college.

The ADC told the students that they cannot stage protest by locking the chambers of the Dean and Administrator as it was a Government Institute and permission was necessary to stage stir. She told the students that she had spoken to the Kannada and Culture Department Secretary and assured the students that the Secretary would come to the college in 10 days. She (ADC) urged the students to attend the classes till then. But the students, who stuck to their demands, told the ADC that they would continue with the stir till their problems were solved.

Meanwhile, ADC Poornima told *SOM* that the college comes under the Department of Kannada and Culture and added that it is the Government which appoints the staff. "Because of K1 to K2 transfers, many students have not received their stipends. I have taken steps to get their stipend soon," she added.

There are a total of 186 students studying in six Departments at CAVA. The last permanent Dean was V.A. Deshpande, who retired in 2015 and since then there have been only In-charge Deans.

Nazarbad Police Inspector Vivekananda and staff were present at the college to prevent any untoward incidents from taking place and as per instructions from ADC, the Police were taking steps to open the locks of the chambers, when we went to the press.

Release of *Sudharma Dinadarshini*

Mysuru, Dec. 31-*Sudharma Dinadarshini*, Sanskrit calendar-2020 of *Sudharma*, the only daily newspaper published in Sanskrit, will be released at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram in city on Jan. 1 at 11 am. The junior Pontiff of Datta Peetham Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji will grace the occasion and release the calendar. Sanskrit scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao will deliver the keynote address. Retired Deputy Director of Oriental Research Institute (ORI) Dr. T.V. Satyanarayana and Head of Hindi Department, University of Mysore Dr. V.D. Hegde will be present on the occasion.

Nominated to Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce Panel

Mysuru, Dec. 31-**Dr. Renu Agrawal,** former Chief Scientist and Rural Programme Coordinator from Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has been nominated as a Member of the CSR Expert Committee of the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC). It is an apex Chamber of Industry and Commerce representing large and medium industry in the State of Karnataka. BCIC plays an important role in promoting trade and investment in the State and has an excellent domestic and international network.

CSR Expert Committee is one of the Committees chaired by Lavanya Pachisia, CFO, Zivame-Actoserba Active Wholesale Pvt Ltd. The Committee organises value added programmes and awareness on CSR spending.

Book talk

Grandma's Tale

By Gouri Satya,
Sr. Journalist

Rarely do we come across a great grand-daughter writing a novel thinly based on her great grandmother. Bharathi Ghanashyam of Bengaluru, I am happy to say, has done this. Confessing this, the blurb of her book says, *"Rajammal,* loosely modelled on the life story of her great grandmother is a dream she has nurtured for over 20 years."

Author Bharathi

Bharathi serialised her novel on *Facebook* and many of its readers insisted her to have it published as the story she had woven was interesting. I was one of them who read her serialised chapters and felt it should come out in a book format. After hesitating for some time, she has got it published.

While reading the novel I was taken back to the days in the 1950s and 1960s when Mysuru was a real cultural city. One could see families strictly adhering to customs and practices, which they had inherited from their forefathers, the senior-most in the family guiding the younger members of a family on following those traditions. This was interwoven in our lives and we never felt it was something special and unique.

Today, when we look back to those days, we find, rightly or wrongly, we have lost much of that tradition-bound culture. Many of them have disappeared over the years, particularly from the 80s onwards. The fatigued train journey, clothes and faces turned black from the smoke of rail engines, the spacious bungalows with a fountain water spouting over a statue of Radha - Krishna and flowers all around, the wedding rituals and a mother educating her daughter about her role in a new family to which she is going as daughter-in-law have faded out today. Bharathi Ghanashyam takes us back to those days while beautifully narrating the life of her great grandmother, giving us a glimpse of the society that existed then, in particular among the Tamil Brahmins.

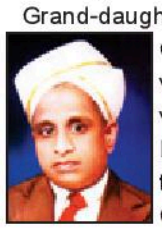
Despite being traditional and religious, many mothers and grandmothers were accepting things as they happened, bearing in mind the practical aspects of life. On such occasions, they would advise others in the family who felt difficult to accept or adopt themselves under such circumstances. These grand-mothers had to face challenging situations in a society of rigid norms. In such situations, they asserted themselves asserting their superior position in a joint family. These elders played the role of a unifying force in a family, particularly when joint families were common, and kept the members united despite differences among them. They commanded respect and admiration, particularly from the juniors.

Title: Rajammal
Author: Bharathi Ghanashyam
Pages: 235
Price: Rs. 200 for Kindle version with a free Kindle reader; Rs. 508 for paperback.
Publisher: Self-published on Amazon

In a way, they were role-models to others, who would recall the way their mother or grand-mother lived and managed the household affairs. Eighty-eight-year-old Rajammal was one such great grand-mother, who saw the practical aspects of life and adopted herself to the changing circumstances.

The story is set in pre and immediate post-Independence days. Rajammal, the main character of the novel, was married off as a child to a man more than twice her age. She was saddled with step-daughters older than her, her marital home presenting to her a bewildering plethora of demands — a task she found herself unequal to as a child. Over time, with the support of her husband, she sculpted a life for herself even in the face of societal derision and opposition, says the blurb on the back jacket of the book.

The well-written story in 235 pages, *Rajammal,* keeps the reader glued as he moves on from page to page. *"Rajammal,* my book, was born out of an urge to write about a strong woman such as my great-grandmother, who I had heard about from several members of my family. However, barring the name and the fact that she was a child bride, I had no micro-details about her life. So the book is fictional and none of the incidents have any resemblance to her life," the author says.

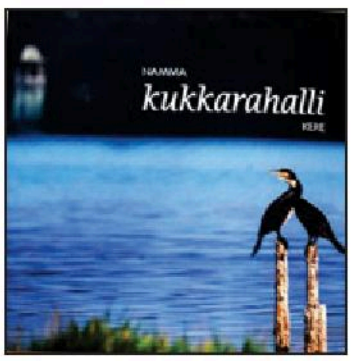


Grand-daughter of **Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy,** who was a well-known Professor in the Maharaja's College and famous for launching the 'Akashavani' Radio Station from his house in Vontikoppal in Mysuru in 1935, the first private radio station in the country, and Kamala Gopalaswamy, Bharathi Ghanashyam is a journalist, who is well-known for her writings about social interventions across the country. Her passion is in writing on health and she is a recipient of many awards for her health-journalism, including the Thomson Foundation Award of Excellence in Writing on HIV. Prof. Gopalaswamy established the Department of Psychology in the University of Mysore in 1924. It has the distinction of being the second oldest Department in the country.

Published last March, her paperback has earned six ratings in Amazon, where it is available both in paperback and Kindle editions. "The book is a kaleidoscope of emotions, incidents, stories, human failings, and strengths. It makes no excuses, it offers no judgments — it just seeks to draw the reader into the journey of Rajammal and travel along with the story," it says there giving a brief description of the novel.

Vithal Vihar in Vontikoppal.

Coffee Table book 'Namma Kukkarahalli Kere' to be released tomorrow



Here is a New Year gift to Mysurueans from Kukkarahalli Lake connected NGOs. Led by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) in association with Wild Mysore, a Coffee Table book titled *"Namma Kukkarahalli Kere"* will be released on Jan. 1 at the Pergola near the main entrance to Kukkarahalli Lake at 8.30 am by the students of Environmental School Warden Project of Kautilya Vidyalaya.

The book covers all aspects like history, steps to preserve the lake which is on its deathbed, discussion of flora and fauna through hundreds of photos to mesmerise all about the lake.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will be the chief guests. The first page of the book, reproduced below gives a brief description of the background and objective of the book.

"Like Chamundi Hill, Kukkarahalli Lake is an iconic symbol of Mysuru. However, we have neglected to take care of it just as we have been negligent of Chamundi Hill. Unless we take urgent measures, Mysuru will lose its beloved Kukkarahalli Lake in the next few years.

Since its inception in 1989, MGP has been involved in preserving the Lake first by filing a PIL, then protesting from time to time to stop the encroachment of the feeder canal. This Lake has inspired poets and authors like Kuvempu, R.K. Narayan, etc. When Narayan, who was living at that time in Chennai, was contacted by MGP he wrote a letter to MGP expressing his support in its efforts to preserve the Lake.

MGP along with NGOs like Kukkarahalli Kere Ulisi and city's concerned environmentalists have been on the forefront of trying not only to preserve the Lake, but also to bring back to its previous glory.

Kukkarahalli Lake is spread over 104 acres. It has 400 species of trees and plants, along with 189 species of birds of which 45 are migratory species, 14 species of mammals, 85 species of butterflies, 37 species of spiders, 20 species of reptiles and millions of insects which play a major role in the environment. Readers will have a feast seeing photos of some of these in this book.

The Lake was constructed in 1881 that was fed by Poornaiah Canal which was once 25 km long. As a result of it being encroached upon in several places today it is just 2.5 km long.

Our main goal in bringing out this book is to educate the public on the importance of the Lake not only to preserve its aesthetic beauty but also to protect the environment in and around the Lake. It is unfortunate that our protests have been projected as a zero-sum game between the developers and environmentalists. However, our objective through this book is to show that it is a win-win situation by keeping the pristine beauty of the Lake in its natural state and restoring the encroached Poornaiah Canal through innovative engineering, following in the footsteps of Sir M. Visvesvaraya.

MGP appeals to all Mysureans to join in our efforts to save Kukkarahalli Lake for future generations."

Music concert at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on Jan. 3 & 10

Mysuru, Dec.31- In commemoration of Music Maestro-trio — Parur Sundaram Iyer, M.S. Anantharaman and M.S. Gopalakrishnan — city's music scholars Vidwan H.K. Narasimhamurthy and Vidushi H.N. Rajalakshmi have organised music concerts on Jan.3 and Jan.10 at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city.

On Jan.3, the students of Vidwan H.K. Narasimhamurthy and Vidushi H.N. Rajalakshmi will present a violin concert at 5 pm.

On Jan.10, Vidwan Abhishek Raghuram will present a Karnatak Classical Music concert at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Arjun Kumar on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujan on ghata. For details, call Ph: 0821-2512422 or Mob: 83174-96158.

Vid. Abhishek Raghuram

'Jhansi Rani Trophy' conferred on Mysuru girl

Veena of Karnataka, hailing from Kurubur, T. Narasipura, Mysuru district, representing Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the 53rd National Senior Kho-Kho Championships held at Bemetara , Raipur, Chhattisgarh, was adjudged as the 'Best Women's Kho-Kho Player in the Tournament.' She is seen receiving the 'Jhansi Rani Trophy' by the guests during the valedictory of the Kho-Kho Championships.

City skater wins gold at Nationals

Mysuru, Dec. 31- City's Rea Achaiah took part in the 57th National Roller Skating Championship at Visakhapatnam from Dec.18 to 23 and won four gold medals in the Championship.

She won the yellow metal in the following events: 10000 meters Rink Elimination Race, 10000 meters Road Elimination Race, Rink 10000 meters Point to Point Race and 3 x 1000 meters Relay.

Rea is also an International Skater and she had won two bronze medals for India in Asian Championship last year.

So far, she has taken part in nine National Championships and has won 19 gold medals, five silver medals and four bronze medals.

A 1st year student of engineering at Vidyavardhaka Engineering College, Vijayanagar, Rea is the daughter of Kadyamada Arun Achaiah and Priya Achaiah, residents of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in Mysuru.

City grapplers bag medals at National Jiu-Jitsu Championship

Seen in the picture are** (kneeling from left) **Samarth Vikram, G. Suraksha, K.K. Kushik, Manish Patel, Samarth Sumesh, Ayaan Ali, Ankush P. Mathad, G.M. Durgashree, J. Bhuvan Raj, M.B. Nanditha, Theeksha Bharuni and Pranav Kaushik;** (standing middle row) **M.S. Suhas, Mohd. Hidayath, M.R. Riddhi Gayathri, K. Preetham, G.S. Dattatreya, C.G. Rudraksha, G.M. Chandramouli, Aryan Raj, Praful Raghavendra, Mohammed Owaiz, R. Rajesh, Prashanth Rotti and N. Harshith;** (standing last row) **S. Kumar, Mohammed Zaid, S. Anand, Snehith Ravikumar, N.P. Kiran, Coach Likhith, Kavyashree, Official and Team Manager Kru. Syed Tanveer Ahmed, MCSA General Secretary Kru. M.N. Vikram, Coach Kru. Darshan, Irfan Pasha, Mohammed Ameen, S. Adarsh and Ayaan Shariff.

Mysuru, Dec. 31- The grapplers of Academy of Martial Science (AMS), Krishnamurthypuram and Smite School of Martial Arts, Rajivnagar, affiliated to Mysore Combat Sports Association (MCSA), won 13 Gold, seven Silver and four Bronze medals for the State in Jiu Jitsu National Championship held in Bengaluru recently.

The event was organised by Sports Jiu Jitsu India Federation (SJJINDF) with Karnataka Body at Fight Capital India. With the above medal tally, MCSA secured the No.1 position in Junior Division and 4th in Senior Division.

Over 300 participants from various States of the country participated in the event.

Kru. Syed Tanveer Ahmed was the team Manager and official. Team was coached by Kru. M.R. Darshan and Likhith. Team MCSA is headed and mentored by Kru. Vikram, who is also the Vice-President of SJJINDF.

Results are as follows: **Juniors (U-18 years) —** Ayaan Ali - Kindergarten, Feather Weight - Gold Medal; Ankush P. Mathad - Youth, Light Feather Weight - Gold Medal; Rudraksha Cheluvachar Gayathri - Youth, Light Weight - Gold Medal; N. Aryan Raj - Pre-Teen, Light Weight - Gold Medal; Praful Raghavendra - Pre-Teen, Super Heavy Weight - Gold Medal; Samarth Vikram - Teen, Light Weight - Gold Medal; Mohammed Owaiz - Juvenile, Light Weight - Gold Medal; M.S. Kumar - Juvenile, Feather Weight - Gold Medal; M.B. Nanditha - Female, Youth, Middle Weight - Gold Medal; G.M. Durgashree - Female, Pre-Teen, Light Weight - Gold Medal; Theeksha H. Bharuni - Female, Pre-Teen, Feather Weight - Gold Medal; G. Suraksha - Female, Youth, Middle Weight - Gold Medal; M.R. Riddhi Gayathri - Teen, Middle Weight - Gold Medal; K.K. Kushik - Youth, Light Feather Weight - Gold Medal; Manish Patel - Pre-Teen, Light Weight - Silver Medal; G.M. Chamndramouli - Junior Teen, Rooster Weight - Silver Medal; K. Preetham - Junior Teen, Feather Weight - Silver Weight; Mohammed Zaid- Juvenile, Medium heavy- Silver Medal; Prashanth Rotti - Adult, Medium Heavy Weight - Silver Medal; N. Harshith - Adult, Heavy Weight - Silver Medal; Samarth Sumesh - Kindergarten, Feather Weight - Bronze Medal; G.S. Dattatreya - Pre-Teen, Heavy Weight - Bronze Medal; Pranav Kaushik - Juvenile, Light Feather - Bronze Medal; N. Maithri - Female, Adult Feather - Bronze Medal.

Annual Sports Day held

PRAGATHI VIDYA KENDRA: International Chess Champion Y.G. Vijayeendra inaugurated the Annual Sports Day of Pragathi Vidya Kendra at DMS Grounds recently.

Pigeons were released signalling the start and the chief guest received the Sports Torch carried by students. Present on the occasion were Chairman V. Venkatesh, Administrator Karthik V. Kashyap, Principal Jayashri Venkatesh, Committee Member Govindaraju, Pragathi Elite Public School Principal N. Srivatsa, Head Mistress, staff and parents. Students competed enthusiastically. Winners were given medals and certificates. Competitive spirit and sportsmanship were very evident among the students.

SREE CAUVERY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, KUVEMPUNAGAR: The Annual Sports Meet was held at Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions recently.

M.M. Ponnappa, Vice-President of Kodava Samaja, was the chief guest. Medals and trophies were given to best Houses.

Overall Championship was bagged by the Hemavathi House. Hemavathi House leaders are seen with School management members.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA VIDYA KENDRA: Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha Secretary M. Doreraju was the chief guest during the inauguration of the Annual Sports Day organised by Sri Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar recently.

Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha Chairman M. Papegowda presided over the inaugural. Vidya Kendra Executive Officer Prof. K.P. Mahadevappa, High School Principal G.N. Vishwanath, Higher Primary School Head Mistress Veena K. Hegde and PE Teacher D.S. Srinivas Prasad were present on the occasion.

Harshita and Samanvita rendered invocation. C.J. Shravya compered. Srinivas Prasad welcomed. C.N. Anupama proposed a vote of thanks.

SRI SHARADA PUBLIC SCHOOL, DATTAGALLI: Annual Sports Day and prize distribution ceremony of 2019-20 was held at Sri Sharada Public School premises recently.

Rtn. Chethan Vishwanath, Tournament Director, Tennis Club Mysore and President of Rotary Mysore, was the chief guest. Overall Champion Trophy was bagged by the Ruby House and it was the greatest achievement of the Ruby House for getting it in all five consecutive years.

SSPS Secretary Manjunath Srivatsa, Administrator M. Guruja, Principal Y.K. Ranjitha, teaching staff, students and parents were present.

SANSKAR PRESCHOOL, V.V. MOHALLA: The 5th Annual Sports Day was celebrated recently at the School premises. With 'Twist and Turn' theme, the event featured some innovative and fun-filled activities.

Children along with their parents participated in various activities.

India's first World Coffee Conference in Bengaluru from Sept. 7

Three-day event at Bangalore Palace to be organised by London-based International Coffee Organisation

Madikeri, Dec. 31 (PS&BCT)- Bengaluru will host the fifth edition of the World Coffee Conference (WCC), a high-profile international event, between Sept. 7 and 9 in 2020. Earlier editions were held in the UK, Brazil, Guatemala and Ethiopia.

Anil Kumar Bhandari

The three-day event that will be held at the sprawling Bangalore Palace will be put together by London-based International Coffee Organization (ICO), Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Coffee Board of India and India Coffee Trust (ICT), which is a forum for coffee growers and exporters.

The event is themed 'Sustainability Through Consumption' and will celebrate all things of coffee in an immersive experience with the conference addressed by international speakers, coffee exhibition, buyer-seller meets, competitions and awards, skill building workshops, amongst many others.

ICT President Anil Kumar Bhandari told reporters in Madikeri yesterday that the prestigious WCC coming to India for the first time means huge international recognition for Indian coffee. The Who's Who from the world of coffee will be descending on Bengaluru for this event. This will give a fillip to the Indian cuppa in the global market. Over Rs. 15 crore is being spent to organise the conference, he added.

The participants will include the world's leading coffee brands and café chains, retailers, roasters, equipment manufacturers, coffee organisations from round the globe, policy makers, industry captains, exporters, manufacturers and a whole host of players associated with the commodity.

Conference attendees

Around 3,000 international delegates from 80 countries, 2,000 Indian delegates, over 1,00,000 coffee growers and exporters, representatives of HORECA (Hotel/Restaurant/Café sector) and hundreds of coffee connoisseurs are expected. There will be more than 100 speakers, 150 exhibitors and over 300 business-to-business and business-to-consumer meeting.

Coffee being the world's most favourite beverage with 2.5 billion cups consumed every single day is produced in about 70 countries most of them belonging to the developing countries like Africa, Latin America and Asia. India is the sixth largest producer of coffee in the world, accounting for about 5 percent of world coffee production.

Innovation to conference

At the conference, the Coffee Board of India and the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) will bring in innovation to the conference and expo by crowd-sourcing ideas from citizens. They will look at ways that will make Indian coffee a brand that is recognised worldwide and formulate ways to make India a sustainable destination for coffee.

Methods will be explored to make coffee farmers stakeholders in the value chain as this will have a positive impact on the 25 million families who depend on coffee cultivation the world over. "This is a great opportunity that India has got and the organisers will welcome to India participants from more than 80 countries for the expo and conference," Bhandari said.

Connecting with growers

India is also emerging as the major coffee consuming country. The Government of India has also a strong focus on increasing coffee plantation and the global community also desires to connect with coffee growers in India and Asia and WCC-2020 offers an opportunity to explore India and Asia to the global coffee community.

Bengaluru is the coffee capital of India and produces nearly 70 percent of India's coffee that is produced in Kodagu, Malnad, Hassan and Chikkamagalur. As the theme of WCC-2020 is sustainably through consumption because the world coffee production is increasing and having a negative impact on coffee prices, this can be offset by increasing consumption, therefore consumption is the key to sustainability. The focus will be on economic, agriculture, commercial, environmental, social and cultural impact.

PAN-Aadhaar linking deadline extended till March 2020

New Delhi, Dec. 31- The last date for the mandatory linking of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar has been extended till March next year, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said. The earlier deadline was Tuesday, Dec. 31 (today).

"The due date for linking of PAN with Aadhaar as specified under sub-Section 2 of Section 139AA of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 has been extended from December 31, 2019 to March 31, 2020," the Department said. This is the eighth time that the

CBDT has extended the deadline for individuals to link their PAN with Aadhaar.

The Supreme Court, in September last year, had declared the Centre's flagship Aadhaar scheme as constitutionally valid and held that the biometric ID would remain mandatory for the filing of I-T returns and allotment of the PAN.

Section 139 AA (2) of the Income Tax Act says that every person having PAN as on July 1, 2017, and is eligible to obtain Aadhaar, must intimate his Aadhaar number to tax authorities. Aadhaar is issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to a resident of India and PAN is a 10-digit alphanumeric number allotted by the I-T Department to a person, firm or entity.

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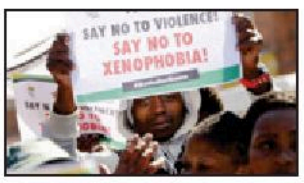
WORD OF THE DAY

Xenophobia

Pronunciation: zen-uh-FOH-bee-uh.



Meaning: Fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything that is strange or foreign.

Origin: If you look back to the ancient Greek terms that underlie the word xenophobia, you'll discover that xenophobic individuals are literally "stranger fearing." Xenophobia, that elegant-sounding name for an aversion to persons unfamiliar, ultimately derives from two Greek terms: xenos, which can be translated as either "stranger" or "guest," and phobos, which means either "fear" or "flight." Phobos is the ultimate source of all English -phobia terms, but many of those were actually coined in English or New Latin using the combining form -phobia. Xenophobia itself came to us by way of New Latin and first appeared in print in English in late 19th century.

Example: "George Kennan, who served at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow..., wrote in 1947 that Soviet hostility toward the West was based upon more than Marxist ideology or traditional Russian xenophobia." — Philip Gold

THE ODD WORD

Xanthic

Yellow; yellowish.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

You are what you eat

Meaning: The proverbial saying 'You are what you eat' is the notion that to be fit and healthy you need to eat good food.

Origin: 'You are what you eat' has come into the English language by quite a meandering route. Anthelme Brillat-Savarin wrote, in Physiologie du Gout, ou Meditations de Gastronomie Transcendante, 1826:

"Dis-moi ce que tu manges, je te dirai ce que tu es." [Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are]. In an essay titled Concerning Spiritualism and Materialism, 1863/4, Ludwig Andreas Feuerbach wrote: "Der Mensch ist, was er ißt." That translates into English as 'man is what he eats'.

Neither Brillat-Savarin or Feuerbach meant their quotations to be taken literally. They were stating that the food one eats has a bearing on what one's state of mind and health. The actual phrase didn't emerge in English until some time later. In the 1920s and 30s, the nutritionist Victor Lindlahr, who was a strong believer in the idea that food controls health, developed the Catabolic Diet. That view gained some adherents at the time and the earliest known printed example is from an advert for beef in a 1923 edition of the Bridgeport Telegraph, for 'United Meet [sic] Markets':

"Ninety per cent of the diseases known to man are caused by cheap foodstuffs. You are what you eat."

QUOTE BOX

All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast.

— John Gunther

RIDDLE THIS

What is the difference between a jeweller and a jailer?

Answer :A jeweller sells watches. A jailer watches cells.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Suffix forming nouns or title of some Roman Catholic dignitaries?
4 Cashew Nut Shell, abbr.
7 Old time ruler of Russia
11 Popular card game
12 Assoc. of Optical Practitioners
13 Containers for shovelling and holding coal
14 Store, safeguard or protect
17 South America's "ostrich"
18 Appeal; allure
20 Hindu sun-god
22 Capital of Ukraine
23 Aircraft Sys. Controllers
24 Sins of the ___ : unchastity?
27 Is put back on the payroll
31 American colloquially speaking?
33 Long walls or embankments against flooding
34 A type of sea-eagle
35 At ___ : free from anxiety or constraint?
37 Kingdom of Burgundy - "Earls" anagram?
39 Shorten, contract
42 Small insect
43 Of a newborn child
46 So be it (especially at the end of a prayer)
47 Ted Turner's network
48 Piece of poetry
49 Scarlett's home
50 Curvy letter by the sound of it?
51 Not, as a prefix?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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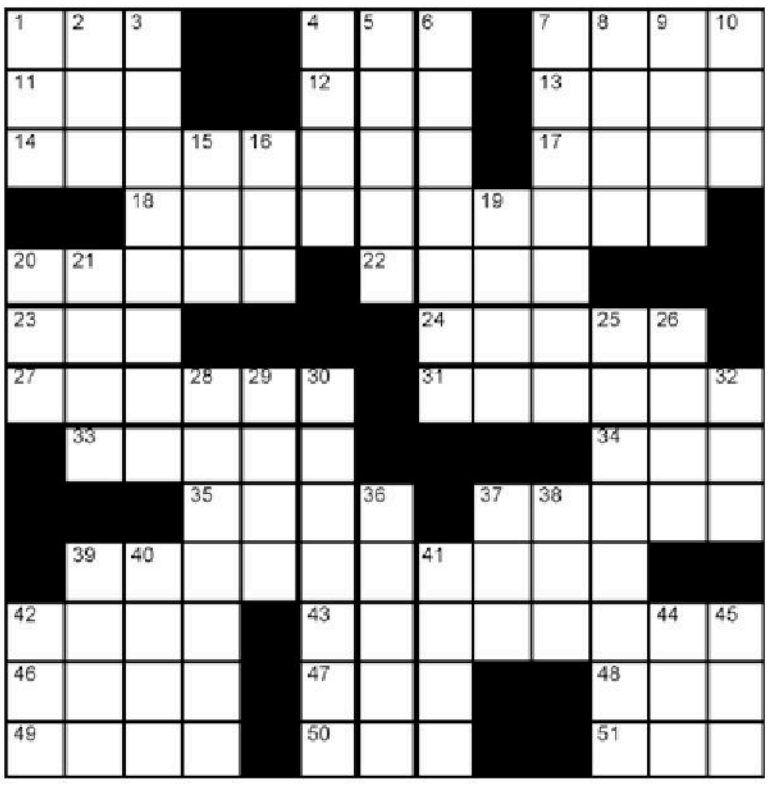
DOWN

1 French for 'Duke'
2 Yoko ___ : wife of John Lennon, the Beatle?
3 Form of government
4 Mystery writer John Dickson ___
5 2015 Wimbledon Champion ____ Djokovic
6 Indicate, point out or reveal
7 Prospered or flourished - in a rather poetic manner?
8 London district
9 Capital of erstwhile South Yemem
10 Natal land, abbr.
15 Pig-house
16 Estimated Time of Arr.
19 Weblike membrane
20 Search and Rescue
21 Employed
25 Framework of the body
26 At this place
28 The Japanese art of flower arrangement
29 At the back
30 Inner quality?
32 Abstract being?
36 Odds and ____?
37 Dilip Kumar and Nadira's love story of 1952
38 Reqd Time of Arr.
39 Russian river
40 Lager or ale
41 Electrically charged atoms
42 A corpulent person may be described as this
44 Fuss, bother
45 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RV ZSLVG VY ORKJ YSV VZNV HZNV IYS HNKVQJ JYQGK'V

CNVBZ HZNV IYS JLQNCQJ RV HYSWJ UQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's not a matter of whether or not someone's watching over you. It's just a question of their intentions.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Avane Srimannarayana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Dabangg - 3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Odeya	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Bramhachari	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Baddi Magan Lifu	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakasha	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
HINDI			
Dabangg - 3	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Good Newwz	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Ruler	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Prati Roju Pandaage	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
----	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-1)	8am,11.30am,3pm,6.30pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 9.55 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-1)	10 pm
	(S-3)	11.25 am
	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Spies in Disguise (E-3D)	(S-2)	9 am
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.05 am
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakasha (K)	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Thrissur Pooram (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Baddi Magan Lifu (K)	(S-3)	2.00 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-3)	6.50 pm

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Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-1)	12 noon, 3.40 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	8.30 am, 2.20 pm, 6.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.40 am
	(S-4)	8.10 am, 9.20 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-1)	9.15 am
	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-4)	12.05 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Spies in Disguise (E)	(S-2)	12.05 pm
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Baddi Magan Lifu (K)	(S-4)	6.35 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Good Newwz (H)	9.05 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 3.25 pm
	4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Spies In Disguise (E-3D)	10.40 am, 7.15 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	10.45 am, 2.30 pm, 6.15 pm
	9.35 pm, 10 pm
Odeya (K)	12.05 pm
Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	1.05 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	3.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	6.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Fireworks Display
at Palace tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 31- As the Government has announced three-day State mourning following the demise of Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji on Sunday, the fireworks display at the Palace premises, which was scheduled to be held today (Dec.31) at 12 midnight to welcome the New Year, has been postponed to Jan.1.

The fireworks will now be displayed from 9 pm to 9.30 pm on tomorrow. Prior to that, Police Band will perform from 6 pm to 7 pm which will be followed by 'Srinivasa Nritya Vaibhava' by Sunitha Chandrakumar's Sri Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira from 7 pm to 9 pm.

On Jan.2 from 7 pm to 9 pm, a musical evening programme titled 'Harsha Dhwani' will be presented by Sreeharsha of *SaReGaMaPa* fame and teams from *SaReGaMaPa* and *Kannada Kogile* reality shows.

No illumination today

Today, there will be no Palace illumination but Palace is open to public from 10 am to 5.30 pm. Also, flower show will be on from 10 am to 8.30 pm.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 31)

Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery: 'Varnaavarana,' solo art expo by S. Vinod, Gallery premises, #CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 6.30 pm.**

Mysore Palace Board: Annual Flower Show, Palace premises, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre: 'Nrutya Sambhrama' - Music and Dance programme in memory of Vid. L. Ramasheshu, Karnatak Music concert by S. Sharvani, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by students of the Centre titled 'Bharatamargam,' directed by Vidu. Nagashri Panindrakumar, Smt. Ramabai Govinda Rao Rangamandira, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru: *Parangathotsava 2019* — 33rd Edition of National-level Classical Music and Dance Festival of Veterans, Karnatak Vocal Concert by Ananth Mysore (USA), **6 pm;** Kutiyattam 'Gajendra Moksham' by A. Prashanthi (Kerala), Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Sri Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, **7 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Niranthara Ranga Utsava

Niranthara Foundation: Valedictory of 'Niranthara Ranga Utsava' theatre festival, Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa, Music Director Poornachandra Tejaswi, singer and Music Director Naveen Sajju, *Drama Juniors* Director T. Sharanaiah, *Weekend With Ramesh* Director J. Anil Kumar and Niranthara's M.M. Suguna will be present, **6 pm;** Theatre music programme titled **'Modale Nenedevu'** (Directed by Srinivas Bhat) by Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 1, 2020)

Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar 1st Stage: Distribution of two lakh laddus by Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji as part of New Year celebrations, Temple premises, **4 am to 12 midnight.**

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and Wild Mysore: Release of Coffee Table book *'Namma Kukkarahalli Kere'* by the students of Environmental School Warden Project of Kautilya Vidyalaya, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar chief guests, Pergola near the main entrance to Kukkarahalli Lake (near Railway Crossing), **8.30 am.**

Marimalla's PU College, Sita Vilas Road: Valedictory of Cultural and Sports Forum, valedictory address by retd. VC of KSGH Music and Performing University Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, prize distribution by Marimallappa's Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary Prof. K.N. Panchaksharaswamy distributes prizes, DDPU Dr. B.N. Nagaratna chief guest, Marimallappa's Educational Institutions Hon. President S. Paramashivaiah presides, Jaganmohan Palace, **9 am.**

Mysore Palace Board: Annual Flower Show, Palace premises, **10 am to 8.30 pm;** Cultural Programme - Performance by Police Band, **6 pm to 7 pm;** 'Nritya Vaibhava' by 110-member team of Sri Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira led by Sunitha Chandrakumar, **7 pm to 9 pm;** Fireworks Display, **9 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Music Concert: Programme titled 'Dhanyasi,' a favourite raga of Nada Brahma Vid. Mysore M. Mahadevappa, father and guru of Violin Brothers, Mysore M. Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath, Vid. Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Manjunath will perform accompanied by Vid. Shrimushnam Raja Rao on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetha graces the occasion, Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**

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